

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10 are pending in the application with claim 1 being the only independent claim. Claims 2, 3, 6, 8 and 11 are cancelled. Claims 1, 9 and 10 are sought to be amended. Figures 2 and 3 are sought to be amended. The Title is sought to be amended. These changes are believed to add no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Examiner Interview Summary

Applicant's representative, Albert J. Fasulo, II, thanks Examiner Thanh Luu for the courtesy of a telephonic interview held on October 29, 2003. During the interview, Examiner Luu and Mr. Fasulo discussed the Drawing objection of paragraph 1, and the 35 USC § 112, second paragraph rejection of paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Office Action dated Oct. 24, 2003.

To overcome the Drawing objection of paragraph 1, Examiner Luu suggested that the overlapping fields-of-view recited in claim 1 be added to Figure 3, as is now depicted in amended Figure 3.

To overcome the 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, Rejection, Applicant suggested an amendment to claim 1, reflected in lines 6-8 of currently amended claim 1. Examiner Luu indicated the amendment would obviate the § 112 Rejection.

Specification

To obviate the objection to the Title of the invention listed in paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Title is amended to match the preamble to claim 1.

Drawings

The Examiner's approval of the amended Figures is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph

The amendments to claims 1 and 9 obviate their respective rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.

Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 9 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim (i.e., claim 1) and any intervening claims (i.e., claim 6). Accordingly, claim 1 is amended to include all of the features of allowable claim 11 and intervening claim 6. Therefore, amended claim 1 is allowable. All of the claims depending from claim 1 are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application is believed warranted. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Enclosures: Replacement Sheet for Figures 1 and 2
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes to Figures 2 and 3.

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

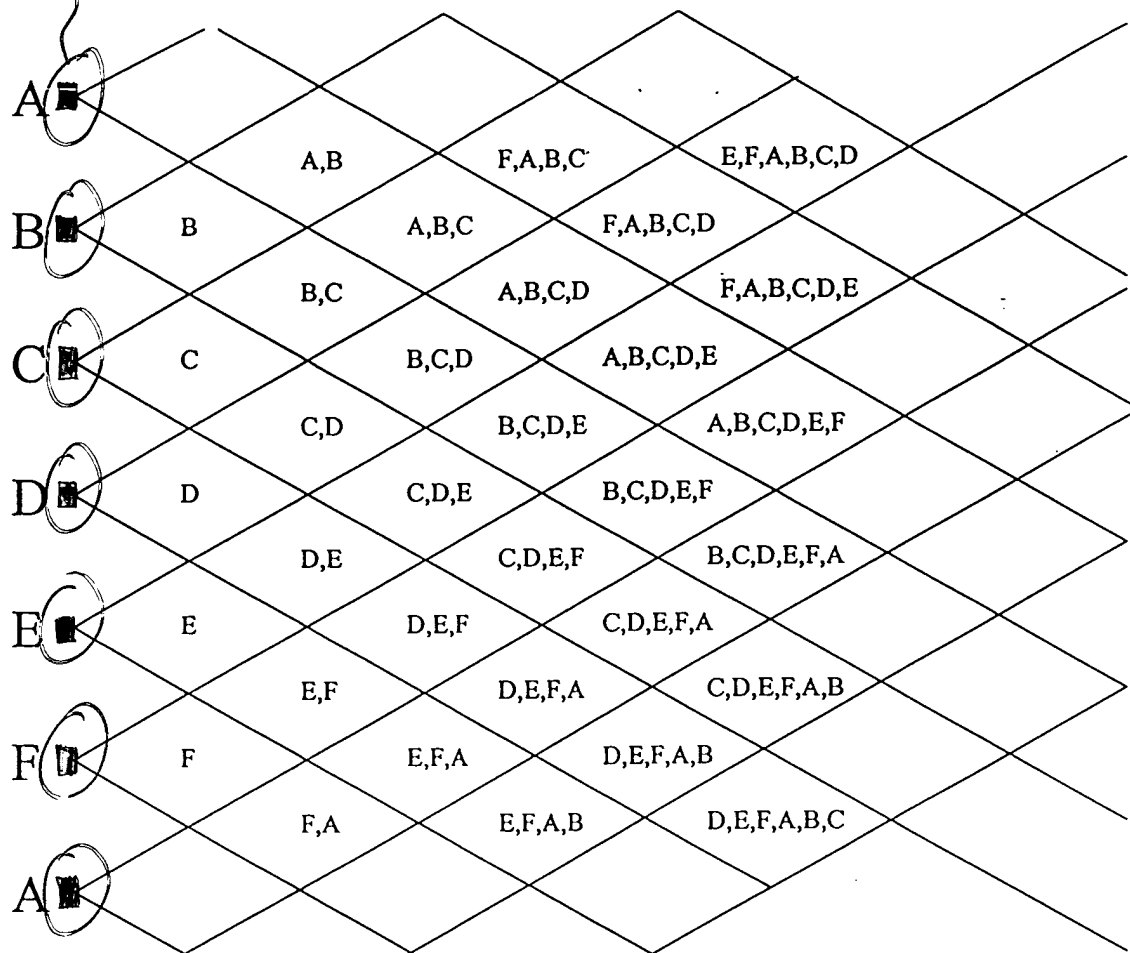


Fig. 2

